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1. SUMMARY: MEXICO CRITICIZED SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS OF
DRAFT ENMOD TREATY, STATING STRONG PREFERENCE FOR
COMPREHENSIVE BAN, AND TOOK UNCONGENIAL STANDS ON SEVERAL
LESSER ISSUES. US PROPOSED VARIANT ON REVIEW CONFERENCE

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PROVISION GETTING AWAY FROM AUTOMATIC CONVENING OF

CONFERENCES SUBSEQUENT TO FIRST ONE. WORKING GROUP ACCEPTED AD REFERENDUM CHANGES IN ARTICLE V PROVISIONS ON RECOURSE TO SECURITY COUNCIL. FRG DROPPED PROPOSAL TO CHANGE "MILITARY TO ANY OTHER HOSTILE USE" IN ARTICLE I BUT STRUCK WITH IDEA FOR PREAMBLE. CONTACT GROUP RECORDED CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS BUT STILL NO AGREEMENT ON ARTICLE III. END SUMMARY.

2. MEXICAN REP (MARIN) BEGAN AUG 16 MORNING SESSION OF ENMOD WORKING GROUP BY STATING DECIDEDLY UNHELPFUL VIEWS REGARDING PREAMBLE, SCOPE OF PROHIBITION (ARTICLE I), AND REVIEW CONFERENCE PROVISION (ARTICLE VII BIS). MARIN DECLARED THAT THE PREAMBLE SHOULD "PLACE THE DRAFT WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF CCD, GIVING MAXIMUM PRIORITY TO NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT"; HE THUS IN ESSENCE SUPPORTED THE ROMANIAN PROPOSAL ON THIS ISSUE (WHICH THE ROMANIANS THEMSELVES HAVE PRIVATELY DROPPED, AS REGARDS NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT). ON THE SCOPE OF PROHIBITION, MARIN DECLARED THAT THE TREATY SHOULD BE COMPREHENSIVE; THE REASONS ADVANCED FOR A LIMITED BAN, HE SAID, ARE NOT PERSUASIVE, AND MEXICO IS EVEN LESS CONVINCED BY THE DEFINITIONS OFFERED FOR THE TERMS "WIDESPREAD, LONG-LASTING OR SEVERE." THE REVIEW CONFERENCE ARTICLE, HE ASSERTED, SHOULD CONTAIN PROVISIONS FOR REVCONS TO BE HELD PERIODICALLY, REGARDLESS OF REQUESTS COMING FROM STATES PARTY.

2. US ALT REP (BLACK), PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS REFTTEL, PROPOSED FOLLOWING PARA 3 FOR REVCON ARTICLE: "IF NO REVIEW CONFERENCE HAS BEEN CONVENED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS ARTICLE WITHIN TEN YEARS FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF A PREVIOUS REVIEW CONFERENCE, THE DEPOSITARY SHALL SOLICIT THE VIEWS OF ALL STATES PARTY TO THIS CONVENTION ON THE DESIRABILITY OF HOLDING SUCH A CONFERENCE. IF ONE-THIRD OR MORE OF THE STATES PARTY RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY, THE DEPOSITARY SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO CONVENE THE CONFERENCE."

4. BLACK EXPLAINED THE US CONCERN REGARDING THE AUTOMATIC CONVENING OF A REVCON, SUBSEQUENT TO THE FIRST ONE, REGARDLESS WHETHER EVEN A SINGLE PARTY EXPRESSES INTEREST. HE SAID REQUIREMENT UNDER THE PROPOSED REVISION THAT ONLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ONE-THIRD OF STATES PARTY NEED FAVOR THE CONFERENCE IS REASONABLE AND RESPONDS TO THE ARGUMENT OF CERTAIN DELS THAT TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENTS, NOT NECESSARILY KNOWN TO ALL STATES, MIGHT MAKE THE CONVENING OF A REVCON DESIRABLE. BLACK ASKED THE WORKING GROUP TO GIVE EXPEDITIOUS CONSIDERATION TO THE US PROPOSAL.

5. ON THE NUMBER OF RATIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR THE

CONVENTION'S ENTRY INTO FORCE (ARTICLE VIII), INDIAN REP (MISHRA) SUGGEST TWENTY. THIS SUGGESTION WAS SUPPORTED BY BULGARIA (GRINBERG), GDR (HERDER), FRG (SCHLAICH), POLAND (ILSZOWKA), NETHERLANDS (VAN DER KLAUW), AND (DURING THE AFTERNOON MEETING) THE USSR (LIKHACHEV). US ALT REP (BLACK) STATED THAT HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS, BUT THOUGHT NUMBER IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF THAT SUGGESTED BY INDIA SEEMED REASONABLE.

6. DURING BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CANADIAN PROPOSALS ON ORIGINAL PARA 2 OF ARTICLE V--PARA 3 IN AMENDED VERSION--US ALT REP (BLACK) INDICATED UNSTRUCTURED, PRELIMINARY RECEPTIVITY TO THE PHRASE "HAS REASON TO BELIEVE" INSTEAD OF THE WORD "FINDS". BLACK ADDED THAT THE US WOULD PREFER THE LATTER PART OF THE SENTENCE TO REFER BOTH TO "INFORMATION" AND "EVIDENCE", RATHER THAN JUST "INFORMATION". (USSR HAD PRIVATELY INDICATED SAME STRONG PREFERENCE). INDIAN REP (MISHRA) SUGGESTED DRAFTING CHANGES WHICH PRODUCED FOLLOWING FORMULATION: "...SHOULD INCLUDE ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION AND ALL POSSIBLE EVIDENCE, AS WELL AS A REQUEST...". THIS SEEMED GENERALLY AGREEABLE TO WORKING GROUP. PARA REMAINS UNDER CONSIDERATION.

7. FRG (SCHLAICH) AND CANADIAN (SIMARD) REPS ANNOUNCED WITHDRAWAL OF THEIR OBJECTIONS TO THE PHRASE "MILITARY OR ANY OTHER HOSTILE USE" IN ARTICLE I. HOWEVER, FRG REP REITERATED "IN ARMED CONFLICT" SUGGESTION FOR PARA 4 OF PREAMBLE, AND CANADIAN REP INDICATED CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR THIS.

8. YUGOSLAVIA REP (MAHAJLOVIC) PROFITED FROM WORKING GROUP'S BRIEF FORAY INTO PREAMBULAR ISSUES TO RESTATE PROPOSAL FOR "HALTING" VICE "LIMITING" THE ARMS RACE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDIAN REP (MISHRA) REFERRED TO EARLIER UNDERSTANDING THAT WORDING OF PREAMBLE DEPENDS ON RESOLUTION OF ISSUES IN OPERATIVE PART OF TREATY, AND SUGGESTED THAT WORKING GROUP CONTINUE ITS WORK ON THAT BASIS.

9. SOVIET REP (LIKHACHEV) INDICATED PRELIMINARY ACCEPTANCE OF EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE ARABIC IN ARTICLE IX AS AN AUTHENTIC LANGUAGE OF THE ENMOD CONVENTION. INDIAN REP (MISHRA) REMINDED GROUP OF HIS PROPOSAL TO INSERT LANGUAGE IN ARTICLE IX DECLARING THAT THE ANNEXES FORM AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE CONVENTION ITSELF; US REP (MARTIN) DECLARED THAT THIS PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE TO BE SETTLED IN THE CONTEXT OF ARTICLES I, II, AND V AND POSSIBLE ANNEXES THERETO.

10. COMMENT: ENMOD WORKING GROUP MET TWICE ON AUG 16,

BUT ITS TOTAL ELAPSED WORKING TIME WAS ABOUT AN HOUR.
IN BOTH MORNING AND AFTERNOON, GROUP ADJOURNED TO ALLOW
CONTINUING CONTACT GROUP CONSULTATIONS ON ARTICLE III,
WHICH PRODUCED CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS, BUT NOT COMPLETE
AGREEMENT, BY DAY'S END (SPETEL). CATTO

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